

know positively whether the sale is against anti-trust law.

"You're not making the trade, Mr. Merriam," said Att'y Ralph M. Shaw for the bondholders. "You're not liable. If there's a crime in this, it will be the parties to the sale who will go to jail."

"The attorney general of the United States would not approve this sale—I will gamble on that," was the positive statement of Walter L. Fisher at this point. "It would be foolish to put into this ordinance the condition that the sale must have the approval of the U. S. attorney general."

Then came Merriam's demand for records showing all trades and deals in bonds of the Chicago Utilities Co. (owner of Automatic phone system) since July 2, 1913, when sale ordinance was first introduced. His resolution asked "to obtain a full statement" and "to impound the bonds of said company, placing them in the hands of the city treasurer pending final council action."

Ald. Jimmy Rea, from a stockyards ward, here jumped in to the defense of the Armour crowd. He moved to place on file. It was done.

The phone grab will be discussed tonight in Schley school, Oakley blvd. and Patomac av., at campaign meeting of Ald. Rodriguez.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT FIRE KILLS SIX—NO PLOT

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 4.—The \$5,000,000 Canadian parliament buildings are in ruins and six persons are known to be dead.

Fire which broke out last night in the commons reading rooms swept down corridors and leaped to the galleries and in space of three minutes had filled whole wing with an impenetrable volume of smoke. It was followed quickly by flames throughout the building.

Madame Bray, wife of Dr. Bray of Quebec, and Madame Morin, wife of Dr. Louis Morin of Quebec, are dead. They were guests of Madame Sevigny,

wife of the speaker, and were cut off in their apartments.

Madame Sevigny escaped by leaping into a fire net, while Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, was severely burned about the face and hands when escaping from his office, which adjoins the commons reading room.

R. Fanning, Alph Desjardins, A. Desjarins and a fourth man as yet unidentified were buried when section of the eastern wall collapsed early today.

This morning fire was under control and firemen believe they will be able to prevent it spreading to east or west blocks.

The library will likely be saved, but senate side of the building was burning at an early hour.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. There was suspicious last night of incendiaries, possibly a German agent, but officials declare that, as policemen were on guard at both doors of the room where the fire started and others in the room itself, it would have been difficult for any one to deliberately have set bombs or otherwise started the blaze without being detected.

APPAM TO BE INTERNED

Newport News, Va., Feb. 4.—German prize liner Appam prepared to remain indefinite maritime guest of United States. Formal internment orders were expected from Washington. Appam was made snug and fast with anchors at bow and stern, as if her captors planned a long stay.

Most of the 400 British passengers and crew of the Appam and other British ships sunk by the mysterious German raider Moewe or Ponga had left Hampton Roads.

Washington.—Gen. Goethals, governor of canal zone, today asked appropriations of \$19,300,000 for completing Panama canal and \$8,230,000 for further fortifications before house appropriations committee.